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3 Library of California Board Meeting
4 August 12, 2010

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6 California State Library
7 900 N Street, Room 501
8 Sacramento, California
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11 **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

12 President Penny Kastanis convened the Library of California Board meeting on August 12,
13 2010 at 9:04 a.m., and welcomed Board Members, staff and audience member to Sacramento and
14 called for introductions.

15 **Board Members Present:** President Penny Kastanis, Vice-President Tyrone Cannon, Anne
16 Bernardo, Victoria Fong, Jane F. Lowenthal, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, and Judy Zollman.

17 **Not Present:** Conchita Battle and Elizabeth Murguia.

18 **California State Library Staff Present:** State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich, Gerry
19 Maginnity, Sandy Habbestad, Rush Brandis, Ira Bray, Jacquie Brinkley, Bessie Condos, Suzanne
20 Flint, Richard Hall, Carla Lehn, Kathy Low, Cindy Mediavilla, Linda Springer, and Jon
21 Torkelson.

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23 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

24 *It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Fong) and carried unanimously that the*
25 *Library of California Board adopts the agenda of the August 12, 2010 meeting as*
26 *presented.*

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28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

29 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Zollman) and carried unanimously that the Library*
30 *of California Board approves the draft minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting as*
31 *presented.*

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33 **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2011**

34 President Kastanis called on Member Maghsoudi to report the slate of Board officers for
35 2011. The following actions were taken by the Board.

36 *It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Cannon) and carried unanimously that the*
37 *Library of California Board elects Penny Kastanis as President of the Library of*
38 *California Board for the year 2011.*
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1 *It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Cannon) and carried unanimously that the*
2 *Library of California Board elects Anne Bernardo as Vice-President of the Library*
3 *of California Board for the year 2011.*
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5 **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

6 **Board President's Report**

7 President Kastanis reported that Member Maghsoudi is the incoming president for the
8 California Library Association (CLA). She welcomed Stacey Aldrich as our new State Librarian
9 of California.

10 **Vice-President's Report**

11 Vice-President Cannon reported on the committees and boards for which he is a member,
12 including the American Library Association's ACRL (Association of College & Research
13 Librarians). He stated that the University of San Francisco Library budget was cut only one to
14 two percent and in prior years the budget was left flat without cuts.

15 **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

16 State Librarian Stacey Aldrich provided the following updates:

- 17 • The California State Library (CSL) has a flat budget, with 22.5 positions lost at the end of
18 last year, and an additional 11% needed this year for salary savings. Library programs are
19 at a stable level.
- 20 • The new CSL Strategic Plan document, which covers the periods July 2010 through June
21 2013, was shared with the Board. A new Vision and Mission for CSL is included in the
22 Plan. Work on the three-year goals has begun, one of them being an online exhibit
23 centered on cooking. Another goal is to extend our services to all Californians, not just
24 state employees, by creating models for enabling all California residents to have a State
25 Library card.
- 26 • The CSL collection is now at the West Sacramento location. Construction tours of the
27 Library & Courts I (LC I) building began in August. The expected date to return to LC I is
28 fall of 2012 or spring of 2013. The Sutro Library in San Francisco has partnered with San
29 Francisco State University and is preparing to move its collection to the university site.
30 The expected move date is spring of 2012.
- 31 • The Legislature denied our request to repeal the Library of California Act so we will
32 continue to have both the CLSA and LOC Act.

- 1 • The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program is funded this year at
2 \$17.4 million.
- 3 • We will receive \$600,000 from the Gates Opportunity Online Broadband Grant to increase
4 bandwidth to 76 libraries in California. The funding will provide e-Rate training, create a
5 broadband portal, and provide for broadband training webinars, among other things. The
6 Gates Initiative is working with CENIC (the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives
7 in California) in order to obtain cost-effective bandwidth purchase. The public library can
8 be the place to create the connectivity to residents in their geographic area; however, there
9 is a large disparity in the state regarding the cost to have broadband connectivity. The San
10 Joaquin Valley Library System has 52 of the 76 libraries that need to get connected through
11 the Gates grant. There are eight regional broadband networks. We are working with Sunne
12 McPeak to connect with our cooperative systems. McPeak is the President and CEO of the
13 California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), a statewide non-profit organization whose
14 mission is to provide leadership statewide to minimize the digital divide by accelerating the
15 deployment of broadband and other advanced communication services to underserved
16 communities and populations.
- 17 • Senator Alex Padilla has amended SB 1462 to create the California Broadband Council
18 within state government. The purpose of the council would be to promote broadband
19 deployment and adoption throughout the state for the benefit of all Californians. Although
20 libraries were left out of the bill, CLA has taken a “support if amended position” on SB
21 1462 to encourage Senator Padilla to give the State Librarian a seat on the Council.
22 Jacqueline Kinney, Consultant to Senator Padilla’s Energy, Utilities, and Communications
23 Committee, stated that there was a good case for including the State Librarian on the
24 Council; however, they had been inundated with requests from various stakeholder groups
25 and were reluctant to open up the bill to new appointees. The Senator agreed to the
26 following language: “*The Council shall provide opportunities for stakeholder groups to
27 provide input about broadband deployment and adoption at its regular public meetings,
28 and may provide additional opportunities through public hearings, roundtables, advisory
29 committees, and other means, as determined by the Council.*” The bill was held on the
30 Assembly Appropriations suspense file.
- 31 • The state plan for digital literacy, titled, *Digital Literacy Pathways in California, ICT*
32 *Leadership Council Action Plan Report*, was distributed. The overall purpose of the report

1 is to ensure that learners of all ages are successful content creators and users of
2 technologies that foster the sharing, gathering and interpreting of information, ideas and
3 texts central to active and effective participation in society. Governor Schwarzenegger's
4 Executive Order establishes the California ICT Digital Literacy Leadership Council. The
5 Council's first meeting is in August 2010.

- 6 • Thousands of people show up to ground breaking and grand opening ceremonies for new
7 public libraries. We want to look to libraries as conveners in their communities to discuss
8 issues facing them.
- 9 • Thanked Jacquie Brinkely and Carla Lehn, Library Programs Consultants, for the work
10 they are doing on Workforce Development.
- 11 • Gerry Maginnity and Aldrich met with Siskiyou County local officials to discuss ways to
12 keep the library open. Consultants Joan Frye Williams and George Needham met with
13 Siskiyou County administrators to provide alternatives to library closures and come up with
14 models to share with the community and other libraries in financial trouble.
- 15 • Richard B. Hall, Library Consultant at the State Library, has compiled and written a
16 comprehensive report titled, "*Thirty Years of California Library Ballot Measures*," an in-
17 depth survey and analysis of local library ballot measures held in California from 1980
18 through 2009. A copy may be obtained from the CSL website at www.library.ca.gov.

19 **Reports on System Consolidations**

20 Greg Atkins, Chair of NorthNet Cooperative Library System (NorthNet), reported that the
21 public libraries and academic library partners together include 48% of the counties in California.
22 NorthNet's first year of operation was one of exploration. Over the years each of the three
23 systems making up the NorthNet mega region developed their own means of providing programs
24 and services. A dues structure that accommodates such a diverse community has been explored
25 but the desired outcome remains difficult to accomplish in the current economic climate.
26 Discussion has occurred in the North State area to pull out of the NorthNet region and revert to
27 being an independent CLSA system.

28 There are several exciting projects that may help to mold the new mega-system structure.
29 Three libraries in the NorthNet area are preparing to implement an open source ILS as a shared
30 cataloging system in order to save resources. Two other libraries are interested in joining the
31 project at a future date. Additionally, there is interest in a pilot project of shipping ILL materials
32 directly to library users whose delivery method is US mail. Larger libraries are sharing their

discarded titles with members that have little or no book budget. Lastly, through funding from an LSTA grant, NorthNet is offering a jobs and career database to all members including the academic partners; and will offer downloadable and e-books as a 24/7 service in their communities.

Rosario Garza, Executive Director, Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC), reported that over 14 million residents, 46% of California's residents, make up their 46-member library jurisdictions. She noted that Cerritos Public Library choose to withdrawal from the mega system. SCLC merged two joint power agreements (JPA) into the former Metropolitan Cooperative Library System JPA and renamed the system. A new dues structure is being developed which all members have bought into. SCLC is working on a Strategic Plan and will be meeting in September with consultants Joan Frye Williams and George Needham regarding the plan. Members are very pleased with the merger.

Linda Crowe, Executive Director, Pacific Library Partnership (PLP), reported that they are working on a Strategic Plan with a clear action plan for the year. They are defining their services to members so that all members know who PLP is and what it provides. A monthly online Newsletter, "*PLP Publines*," was developed to keep staff at member libraries up-to-date on what is happening in the region, along with a bit of gossip to hold everyone's interest. As part of an LSTA grant from the State Library, all public library members have access to the Gale Career Transitions Database, and *MegaMeeting*, a web-based virtual meeting program that allows the participants to use their own computers or telephones to attend. PLP has also funded a grant program this year for its members called, *Easy Aid*, to assist member libraries in providing activities, services, and materials that would be of value to library users and the community, but cannot be funded locally in the current economic environment. A total of \$20,000 has been allocated for this program with up to \$750 per grant.

One of the challenges that PLP is facing this year is developing a business plan. For the first year of operation members decided not to change the fees structure. They will be working to come up with an appropriate fees structure. Another challenge is finding "cool services" that are needed and appreciated by all 35 public library members.

BUDGET AND PLANNING

CLSA Baseline Budget

Habbestad reported that the CLSA baseline budget for the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program and the System-level programs, as reported in the Governor's May Revise, was identical to the previous fiscal year. The following action was taken by the Board.

It was moved, seconded (Fong/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously that the Library of California Board adopts the 2010/11 CLSA Budget as displayed in the chart entitled "Summary—2010/11 CLSA Baseline Budget Recommendation by Program" and that the aforementioned chart be included in the minutes of this meeting. (See Attachment A)

CLSA System Plans of Service

Habbestad reported that CLSA Plans of Service were received from each of the eight cooperative systems. Over the years systems have voiced a need to have more flexibility to place CLSA funds in the program areas that best fit the needs of their member libraries. This fiscal year the State gave cooperatives the opportunity to revise their Plans and Budgets and move funds into the programs where they are most needed. There was only a short time period for amendments to be submitted for Board approval. Four of the eight systems decided not to make any changes in the budget this fiscal year, stating that service contracts had already been signed and funds had already been paid out. The systems that made changes moved funds from the Reference and Advisory Board programs to Communications and Delivery. System coordinators express their appreciation for the flexibility and would take more advantage of it next fiscal year when there is more time to discuss with administrative councils.

RESOURCE SHARING

CLSA Consolidations and Affiliations

Habbestad reported on the Ventura County Library request to change its System membership from the Black Gold Cooperative Library System to the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC), effective July 1, 2010. In the documentation for this request, the Ventura Library Director stated that geographically it was difficult to remain a member of Black Gold because Ventura does not share an Integrated Library System (ILS) with other Black Gold members. SCLC would be a better fit for Ventura County and the overall cost for membership would be less. The following action was taken by the Board.

It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously that the Library of California Board approves the proposed change in System membership for the Ventura County Library from the Black Gold Cooperative Library System to the Southern California Library Cooperative; and further moves to accept the

1 *request to waive the September 1, 2009 filing date for 2010/11 affiliations so that*
2 *this request becomes effective July 1, 2010.*

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4 **CLSA Interlibrary Loan and Direct Loan Programs**

5 Habbestad reported on the cost study survey results for the Transaction Based
6 Reimbursement (TBR) Program and reviewed the rates proposed for FY 2010/11. The following
7 action was taken by the Board.

8 *It was moved, seconded (Lowenthal/Fong) and carried unanimously that the*
9 *Library of California Board adopts, subject to the concurrence of the State*
10 *Department of Finance, reimbursement rates for the 2010/11 fiscal year as follows:*
11 *for CLSA interlibrary loans, a reimbursement rate of \$6.35 per eligible transaction;*
12 *for CLSA direct loans, a reimbursement rate of \$1.17 per eligible transaction; and*
13 *that the Chief Executive Officer inform all participants of the 2010/11*
14 *reimbursement rates as soon as Department of Finance concurrence is obtained.*

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16 Habbestad presented the motion for consideration for prorating the CLSA loan
17 reimbursement program for 2010/11. She noted that TBR participants were reimbursed at 26.6%
18 of the total amount claimed for FY 2009/10; the total cost of the program was over \$38.2
19 million. Current estimates indicated that the program costs for FY 2010/11 could increase by
20 12%, for a total cost of \$43 million. The following action was taken by the Board.

21 *It was moved, seconded (Cannon/Maghsoudi) and carried unanimously that the*
22 *Library of California Board directs its Chief Executive Officer to withhold 85%*
23 *from all CLSA ILL and Direct Loan Program reimbursement payments throughout*
24 *the 2010/11 fiscal year and that, after determining the full State cost of the ILL and*
25 *Direct Loan programs for 2010/11, directs the CEO to pay the full amount*
26 *remaining due to each participating library if sufficient funds remain in the*
27 *2010/11 TBR Program appropriation, or to prorate the final payment equitably if*
28 *insufficient funds remain in the program appropriation. It was further moved to*
29 *authorize the CEO to make a one-time adjustment in the prorata percentage, if*
30 *needed, in order to pay all participants equitably if actual transaction data*
31 *increases at a rate that would not pay each participant equitably.*

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33 Habbestad reported that transaction levels are at their highest and recommended the Board
34 authorize its CEO to submit a budget change proposal to the Department of Finance. The
35 following action was taken by the Board.

36 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously that the*
37 *Library of California Board gives its Chief Executive Officer the authority to seek*
38 *additional 2011/12 local assistance funding through the BCP process to eliminate*
39 *the documented shortfall for qualifying CLSA Direct and Interlibrary Loans.*

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41 Aldrich stated that staff will be reworking the BCP so it is more strategic to help the new
42 Governor and staff coming in to understand the impact of the TBR Program.

1 **CLSA System Reference**

2 Habbestad reported the first motion was needed as a housekeeping measure to show that for
3 FY 2009/10 the allocations to cooperative systems were calculated on the basis of the Cerritos
4 Public Library's withdrawal from SCLC, effective July 1, 2009. The City of Cerritos has chosen
5 not to extend free borrowing privileges outside the geographic area of the former Metropolitan
6 Cooperative Library System, and will charge residents of Los Angeles and Orange counties a fee
7 to borrow its resources. The following action was taken by the Board.

8 ***It was moved, seconded (Bernardo/Maghsoudi) and carried unanimously that the***
9 ***Library of California Board approves the System Population and Membership***
10 ***figures, revised in August 2009, and used in the allocation of CLSA System***
11 ***Reference Program funds for the fiscal year 2009/10.***

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13 Habbestad reported that the second motion was the annual approval of the System Population
14 and Membership figures for use in calculating CLSA system-level funding for FY 2010/11 as
15 required in CLSA Regulations Sec. 20106, distribution of funds per capita.

16 ***It was moved, seconded (Zollman/Bernardo) and carried unanimously that the***
17 ***Library of California Board approves the System Population and Membership***
18 ***figures for use in the allocation of CLSA System Reference Program funds for the***
19 ***fiscal year 2010/11.***

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21 **System Annual Report Summaries from FY 2008/09**

22 Habbestad presented a summary of System Annual Reports in the packet exhibits for each of
23 the cooperative systems for FY 2008/09 and the achievements of the performance objectives set
24 for System Reference, Communications and Delivery, and Advisory Boards.

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26 **LEGISLATIVE**

27 Member Bernardo reviewed the checklist in the packet from the American Library
28 Association (ALA) Office of Government Relations Legislative Issues. LSTA is up for both re-
29 authorization and re-appropriation this year. Aldrich reported on Federal Advocacy Day in
30 Washington, D.C. stating that she met with Congresswoman Matsui, who is a big supporter of
31 broadband and libraries. She also spent time with the staff of Senator Boxer and Representative
32 Pelosi, and had a follow-up phone call with Senator Feinstein's staff. All are very supportive of
33 LSTA reauthorization, school libraries, and want libraries to be involved with anything to do
34 with connectivity and broadband, and anything on literacy and digital literacy that libraries need
35 to be a part of for future planning efforts. The LSTA Reauthorization wording is still in
36 production. A subcommittee of ALA is adding digital literacy components. IMLS is providing

1 some components from the National Broadband Plan in terms of what connectivity language to
2 use; a piece about staff and continuing education.

3 Member Fong expressed interest in copyright issues, especially concerning access. Aldrich
4 was not aware of any updates, but noted the large issues surrounding the topic, especially digital
5 copyright as it relates to digital books and Google. The matter is being watched closely, with the
6 State Librarian's study on e-books engaged to make sure that libraries are at the table. Some
7 parties do not want libraries involved in the digital world. All groups of people will be cut off
8 from libraries if libraries do not have access to digital content.

9 President Kastanis brought up a related issue of plagiarism from digital sources on the
10 internet, which in turn leads into an entire range of information literacy issues, such as, "What is
11 acceptable?, What is appropriate usage?, What is ethical usage?" Member Cannon stated that the
12 Association of Research Libraries are particularly interested in these matters.

13 President Kastanis suggested that the Board may need some access points to find out about
14 the latest important technology, including a list of links to information about that technology.
15 Because of the speed of obsolescence and new technological innovation, Board Members could
16 also benefit from the development of a one-page technology terms dictionary of key issues.

17 Member Bernardo noted her role as LoC Board Liaison to the CLA Legislative Committee.
18 The Legislative Committee is staying on top of the issues. Member Bernardo discuss a
19 spreadsheet she prepared on the Assembly and Senate Bills that CLA Legislative Committee is
20 monitoring. Those bills include:

- 21 • AB 1609 and SB 874 concerns PLF, TBR, CLLS and the State Library budget. Until it is
22 signed off, it is listed by CLA as "watch closely."
- 23 • AB 2091 was listed by CLA as "watch closely" but it is now "monitor" and is in
24 concurrence. The issue they were following was the code section that might have had
25 impact on library records exemption, but at this point the language does not affect libraries.
- 26 • AB 2457 is a bill for California's Financial Literacy Fund. It is meant to establish
27 California's financial literacy by supporting partnerships with the financial services
28 community and other stake holders. Libraries do not have direct involvement but have been
29 supportive of this bill. Various versions of Salas's bill have been in process for about five
30 years. It is now making its way through the Senate.
- 31 • AB 2594, Jones' bill about works of authorship and residual benefits, copyright issues,
32 considered early in the session, was dropped due to objections by the movie industry.

- 1 • SB 1040 and SB 1462, Padilla's two bills about telecommunications and broadband
- 2 services, are in suspense due to dollar concerns raised in the Assembly. The Senate did not
- 3 have a problem with them. They are being heard by Assembly Appropriations today.
- 4 • SCR 78, Wolk's National Library Week resolution passed early in the session, on April 17,
- 5 2010.
- 6 • CLA is supporting Proposition 22, which is to appear on the November ballot, which
- 7 prohibits the state from taking funds used for transportation or local government projects
- 8 and services.

9 Member Bernardo also noted that CLA has decided to go bi-annual with their Legislative
10 Day in Sacramento and will alter it with Day in the District beginning with this year in 2010.
11 CLA has changed it's name to CLA Legislative and Advocacy Committee. With the Advocacy,
12 they have developed Snapshot Day as a new activity for this year. Lastly, the California School
13 Library Association and CLA will hold a joint conference this year in Sacramento.

14 Member Lowenthal noted that the State Board of Education may be looking at the
15 Information Literacy issue when it meets next month. Information Literacy was raised a couple
16 years ago as a legislative bill which failed. Aldrich added that there was a lot of work done with
17 the Digital Literacy Curriculum by the School Librarians, which will bring us into almost the 21st
18 century, if approved by the State Board of Education. She asked for support of this curriculum to
19 the State Board of Education.

20 Member Bernardo reported that the Legislative Committee is watching California Forward's
21 recommendations, some of which are long-term proposals. The Public Library Ballot measures
22 on June's ballots are being successfully monitored.

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24 **BOARD FOCUS**

25 Aldrich added a new item to the agenda to provide an open conversation for Board members
26 to be more involved in activities that help all libraries across the state. She invited suggestions
27 for one or two project topics, focus areas upon which to work together with the LoC Board
28 Members during the upcoming year.

29 Member Zollman expressed interest in the letter writing campaign for education standards to
30 the Board of Education, and Jack O'Connell in particular, and asked, what can the LoC Board do
31 as a group and as individuals to expedite effective communication.

32 President Kastanis interjected that some see this as an issue only for the Board of Education,
33 when in fact public libraries are also affected as they must often pick up the slack when schools

1 experience cuts in staff, funding, and other resources. Public education and public libraries are
2 inter-related; what impacts one may impact the other. The academic level is also touched as
3 student performance in college is affected.

4 Member Lowenthal pointed out the long-term consequences of illiteracy in youths leading to
5 unemployed adults and a weakened workplace. She has been working on this matter with Jack
6 O’Connell and others for several years, and believed lack of headway involved more than just
7 letter writing.

8 Member Cannon expressed his interest in the notion of Transliteracy (which has been
9 described as “literacy across multiple media, the ability to read, write and interact across a range
10 of platforms, tools and media from signing and orality through handwriting, print, TV, radio and
11 film, to digital social networks”). Attention has already been directed to Information Literacy
12 and Digital Literacy, but Transliteracy appears to be moving beyond those silos. He wondered
13 how the LoC Board could help define and support it. Also, the Board should look into how
14 Transliteracy is being implemented.

15 Aldrich recommended doing a study and collecting and sharing information about
16 Transliteracy on the listserves. Information about other possible projects could be posted their, as
17 well. Board meetings could always be arranged to discuss issues. President Kastanis responded
18 that meetings may not be necessary if Board Members kept themselves apprised of developments
19 in technology and other matters, by actually utilizing the technology itself, e.g., listserves, and
20 maintaining ongoing communication with one another throughout the year and not just right
21 before or at the annual Board meeting.

22 Member Fong agreed, stating that she would like the Board to receive periodic reports to
23 have sufficient background information to understand issues before asking questions about them.

24 Member Canon mentioned a study connected with the digital divide where urban elementary
25 school children’s access to i-pods was cited as an indication of increasing literacy. On the other
26 hand, President Kastanis responded, a lot of these children were coming to educators as illiterate.
27 Nonetheless, citing studies like this can be very useful in library and education advocacy. They
28 can help isolate issues to be addressed

29 Aldrich introduced the Board’s relationship with CLSA for consideration. What is working
30 and what is not? What improvements could be made for their future involvement together?
31 Should the Board perhaps consider an aspect of CLSA for discussion each year, to help develop
32 it through good information, brain-storming, conversation and dialogue?

1 Member Bernardo was in agreement that the Board should work to improve the CLSA law,
2 while recognizing certain intrinsic restraints on what could be done. She recommended that the
3 difficult sections of CLSA be identified before improvements were suggested. Member
4 Maghsoudi asked how the Board could assist Aldrich to move forward, since the Governor's
5 office denied the repeal.

6 Aldrich responded that the Board could work with CLA, who originally supported the
7 Library of California legislation. The LoC Board could approve of the repeal as there is no
8 funding in the legislation and it was never fully funded. We need to take a look at it and reshape
9 how it all works, to update the laws to support the needs of 21st Century libraries.

10 Member Cannon asked whether there is a role for the Board to help with the various
11 objectives, as part of the implementation of the strategic plan. Aldrich replied in the affirmative
12 and the Board Members concurred. President Kastanis stated that there are people out there who
13 needed to know that the LoC Board supports them.

14 Aldrich mentioned some key places where CSL, LoC and CLSA tie in nicely, especially in
15 building better rules and regulations that support 21st Century libraries, as well as in building
16 statewide partnerships for better efficiencies and resource sharing.

17 President Kastanis stated that the LoC Board would like to participate at different levels, but
18 that it did not want to ignore the areas it should be looking at. Some members legitimately had
19 special interests, but the Board does not look at just those special interests alone.

20 Aldrich sees libraries as the central points, anchor institutions, which ensure success to the
21 people who need information, and that includes all kinds of libraries. The question is, how do we
22 create a win/win situation for all of these different kinds of libraries? As a beginning, perhaps
23 more information about what is happening and a list of the top ten things we are monitoring
24 would move us along.

25 President Kastanis offered the Board's assistance at a time when building restoration and
26 reduced budget and staff have encroached upon time and attention. She did not wish to add new
27 projects to an already busy agenda. Aldrich offered thanks and expressed that the library would
28 like to honor the Board for their expertise and time.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

31 None was provided.

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33 **BOARD COMMENTS**

1 Member Fong congratulated Members Kastanis and Bernardo on being appointed Board
2 Officers for the coming year. She liked the Board Focus session and felt it should be retained on
3 future agendas.

4 Member Cannon was looking forward to working with Aldrich and staff in a new way.

5 Member Zollman thanked staff and those in the library community for all they do.

6 Member Bernardo provided thanks to all. She is very proud to be a part of the library
7 institution.

8 Member Lowenthal dittoed those before her. Her quote for the day was, “literacy is the great
9 economic equalizer.” She would like to see the library as the first institution to call for
10 information. She provided thanks to audience members for all they do. She would like libraries
11 to be more attentive with technology and seniors.

12 President Kastanis thanked Member Cannon for his role as vice-chair of the Board and
13 congratulated Member Bernardo for taking up the position of incoming vice-chair and thanked
14 her for the time she puts into the legislative committee. She thanked all for having the
15 confidence in her to lead them as Board President for another year. She has been working with a
16 group call the Sacramento Area Library Association, an organization of school, academic, and
17 public library professionals and para-professionals that keep connected three times a year to
18 discuss concerns and issues that are out in the community. Lastly, she gave credit to Aldrich for
19 all that she is doing for libraries.

20 21 **ADJOURNMENT**

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23 President Kastanis adjourned the Library of California Board meeting at 12:00 p.m.
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